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# News Release

## **LOS ANGELES MAN ARRESTED FOR SHOOTING AT ICE AGENTS**

EL CENTRO, Calif.— Following a high speed chase last night through the mountainous desert outside Niland, a team of federal, state, and local law enforcement officers arrested a 21-year-old man suspected of shooting at U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents earlier in the day.

Adrian Ramirez, a United States citizen from Compton, made his initial appearance in federal court here this morning. He is charged with assaulting a federal officer with a firearm.

The charges stem from a shooting incident that took place at around 3:30 p.m. Thursday as ICE agents were conducting an investigation in the area. Two men in a pick-up truck and one man on an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) drove by, firing shots at the agents. The ICE agents returned fire. Both the truck and the ATV sped away.

Three hours later, a U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Blackhawk helicopter spotted the ATV in the Brawley area. Ground units from ICE, CBP Border Patrol, the Imperial County Sheriff's Office, and the California Highway Patrol pursued the ATV for an hour before taking Ramirez into custody. No one was hurt in the shooting or in the ensuing pursuit.

Ramirez, who was wanted on an outstanding warrant for attempted murder in El Centro, is being held at the Imperial County Jail. Meanwhile, law enforcement officials from the California State Bureau of Investigations Shooting Team, the Brawley Police Department Crime Lab, and the Imperial County Sheriff's Forensic Unit are continuing to process evidence at the shooting scene.

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